

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION**

IN RE:

STRATFORD UNIVERSITY, INC.

Debtor

Case No. 23-10176-BFK
Chapter 7

**THIRD INTERIM APPLICATION FOR
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES FOR COUNSEL TO THE TRUSTEE
(MAY 1, 2024 – NOVEMBER 30, 2024)**

Janet M. Meiburger, Chapter 7 Trustee, by her undersigned counsel, hereby files this Third Interim Application for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Counsel to the Trustee and states as follows:

1. On February 2, 2023 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtor filed its voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Trustee was appointed on February 3, 2023 (Docket No. 3).

2. The Court entered an order on February 21, 2023 (Docket No. 19), pursuant to which the Trustee was authorized to employ The Meiburger Law Firm, P.C. (the “Applicant”) as counsel to the Trustee and the bankruptcy estate.

3. On October 13, 2023, the Court entered an Order (Docket No. 122) that approved The Meiburger Law Firms, P.C.’s First Interim Application for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Counsel to the Trustee (March 1, 2023 – July 31, 2023), in the amount of \$21,910.65. On June 13, 2024, the Court entered an Order (Docket No. 150) that

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approved The Meiburger Law Firms, P.C.'s Second Interim Application for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Counsel to the Trustee (August 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024), in the amount of \$13,440.55. These fees and expenses have been paid.

4. The Applicant makes this application for allowance of compensation for professional services described below and for reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in rendering such services from May 1, 2024, to November 30, 2024, in the total amount of \$8,751.77, consisting of \$7,725.00 for compensation and \$1,026.77 for expenses.

5. The total value of the services performed by the Applicant for the benefit of the Trustee and the estate during the period covered by this Application is as follows:

Name	Position	Total Hours	Applicable Hourly Rate	Total Value of Services
Janet M. Meiburger (JMM)	Principal	13.60	\$500.00	\$6,800.00
Diana P. Dias (DPD)	Paralegal	3.70	\$250.00	\$925.00
TOTAL FEES:		17.30		\$7,725.00

6. The Applicant has provided services to the Trustee and the bankruptcy estate involving the following categories:

Category A: General Legal Services.

7. The total value of the services performed by the Applicant for this matter during the period covered by this Application is as follows:

Name	Position	Total Hours	Applicable Hourly Rate	Total Value of Services
Janet M. Meiburger (JMM)	Principal	6.20	\$500.00	\$3,100.00
Diana P. Dias (DPD)	Paralegal	1.80	\$250.00	\$450.00
TOTAL FEES:		8.00		\$3,550.00

8. The time entries that fall within this category are shown on the attached Exhibit “A.”

Category B: Employment /Fee Application

9. The total value of the services performed by the Applicant for this matter during the period covered by this Application is as follows:

Name	Position	Total Hours	Applicable Hourly Rate	Total Value of Services
Janet M. Meiburger (JMM)	Principal	7.40	\$500.00	\$3,700.00
Diana P. Dias (DPD)	Paralegal	1.90	\$250.00	\$475.00
TOTAL FEES:		9.30		\$4,175.00

10. The time entries that fall within this category are shown on the attached Exhibit “B.”

11. All services for which compensation is requested and all expenses for which reimbursement is requested were performed for and on behalf of the Trustee and for the benefit of the bankruptcy estate and not for any committee, creditor, or other person.

12. In connection with the above-described professional services, the Applicant has from May 1, 2024, to November 30, 2024, incurred actual out-of-pocket expenses totaling

\$1,026.77. These expenses constitute either the actual cost paid to the vendor, or no more than the customary charge billed to other clients of the firm. These expenses are itemized as follows:

Type of Expense	Total Expense
BK Attorney Services	\$750.10
Copies	\$75.80
LawPay Processing Fees	\$178.12
Postage	\$22.75
TOTAL	\$1,026.77

13. The Applicant certifies that fees are not being sought for work that is the responsibility of the Trustee. The Applicant further states that it has not shared or agreed to share any such compensation or reimbursement of expenses requested pursuant to Section 503(b)(2) or Section 503(b)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code in a manner contrary to the provisions of Section 504 or the Bankruptcy Code.

WHEREFORE, Janet M. Meiburger, Chapter 7 Trustee, respectfully requests that the Court enter an order approving the payment of \$7,725.00 as compensation for services rendered by The Meiburger Law Firm, P.C. from May 1, 2024, to November 30, 2024, and reimbursement for the expenses incurred in rendering such services in the amount of \$1,026.77, for a total amount requested of \$8,751.77.

Respectfully submitted

THE MEIBURGER LAW FIRM, P.C.

Dated: December 19, 2024

By: /s/ Janet M. Meiburger
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY certify that on the 19th day of December, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Third Interim Application for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Counsel to the Trustee (May 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024) will be served by ECF e-mail pursuant to the applicable Standing Order of the Court.

/s/ Janet M. Meiburger
Janet M. Meiburger

EXHIBIT A

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December 18, 2024

Inv #: 4304

RE: General Legal

DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	AMOUNT	LAWYER
May-14-24	Prepare comments to revised class action settlement agreement.	0.30	150.00	JMM
Jun-04-24	Telephone conversation with Chris Dean re: class action settlement documents; draft settlement approval motion and lift stay motion.	0.80	400.00	JMM
Jun-17-24	Review revised class action settlement pleadings and agreement.	0.30	150.00	JMM
Jun-19-24	Review final changes in class action settlement documents.	0.20	100.00	JMM
Jul-10-24	Draft motion to approve class action settlement.	0.30	150.00	JMM
Jul-12-24	Revise and edit settlement motion.	0.20	100.00	JMM
	Draft class action settlement motion.	0.30	75.00	DPD
Jul-15-24	Revise and edit class action settlement motion.	1.10	550.00	JMM
Jul-18-24	Draft class action settlement notice.	0.20	50.00	DPD
Jul-23-24	Revise and edit class action settlement motion and notice of hearing.	0.70	350.00	JMM

Jul-25-24	Revise and edit notice of intent to pay Equinix.	0.30	150.00	JMM
Jul-26-24	Finalize class action settlement motion.	0.30	150.00	JMM
	Draft notice of intent to pay Equinix.	0.40	100.00	DPD
Aug-16-24	Draft Rule 2004 motion to Department of Veteran Affairs.	0.50	125.00	DPD
Aug-21-24	Revise and edit class action settlement approval order.	0.20	100.00	JMM
	Draft class action settlement order.	0.40	100.00	DPD
Aug-22-24	Revise and edit class action settlement approval order.	0.10	50.00	JMM
Aug-27-24	Attend hearing on class action settlement.	0.50	250.00	JMM
Aug-29-24	Revise and edit Equinix payment notice.	0.10	50.00	JMM
Sep-09-24	Revise and edit Rule 2004 motion to the Veterans Administration.	0.40	200.00	JMM
Sep-25-24	Prepare order authorizing payment to Equinix.	0.20	100.00	JMM
Oct-23-24	Prepare withdrawal of Rule 2004 motion to Department of Veterans Affairs.	0.20	100.00	JMM
	Totals	8.00	<u>\$3,550.00</u>	
	Total Fee & Disbursements			<u>\$3,550.00</u>
	Previous Balance			16,650.00
	Balance Now Due			<u>\$20,200.00</u>

FEE SUMMARY

Lawyer/Paralegal	Hours	Hourly Rate	Amount
Janet M. Meiburger	6.20	\$500.00	\$3,100.00
Diana P. Dias	1.80	\$250.00	\$450.00

EXHIBIT B

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Inv #: 4305

RE: Employment/Fee Applications

DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	AMOUNT	LAWYER
May-10-24	Draft second TMLF fee application.	0.50	125.00	DPD
May-13-24	Review revised class action settlement agreement.	0.80	400.00	JMM
	Draft second TMLF fee application notice.	0.30	75.00	DPD
Jun-10-24	Draft second TMLF fee application order.	0.20	50.00	DPD
Jun-11-24	Attend hearing on TMLF fee application.	1.20	600.00	JMM
Jul-12-24	Revise and edit McDonald Hopkins Fee Application.	0.50	250.00	JMM
	Draft McDonald Hopkins third fee application.	0.30	75.00	DPD
Jul-15-24	Revise and edit McDonald Hopkins third fee application.	0.50	250.00	JMM
Jul-16-24	Draft McDonald Hopkins third fee application notice.	0.30	75.00	DPD
Jul-23-24	Revise and edit McDonald Hopkins Fee Application and notice of hearing.	0.70	350.00	JMM
Jul-26-24	Finalize McDonald Hopkins fee application.	0.30	150.00	JMM

Aug-19-24	Draft McDonald Hopkins third fee application order.	0.30	75.00	DPD
Aug-21-24	Revise and edit McDonald Hopkins fee order.	0.20	100.00	JMM
Aug-22-24	Revise and edit McDonald Hopkins fee order.	0.10	50.00	JMM
Aug-27-24	Attend hearing on McDonald Hopkins fee application.	0.50	250.00	JMM
Sep-09-24	Revise and edit Blankingship and Keith employment application.	1.10	550.00	JMM
Sep-11-24	Revise and edit Blankingship and Keith employment application.	0.40	200.00	JMM
Sep-19-24	Review NOVEC creditor information as related to Blankingship & Keith employment application.	0.30	150.00	JMM
Oct-23-24	Revise and edit Scully declaration.	0.40	200.00	JMM
Oct-24-24	Finalize Blankingship and Keith employment application and send to Jack Frankel.	0.40	200.00	JMM
	Totals	9.30	<u>\$4,175.00</u>	

Total Fee & Disbursements	\$4,175.00
Previous Balance	13,350.00

Balance Now Due	\$17,525.00
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Lawyer/Paralegal	Hours	Hourly Rate	Amount
Janet M. Meiburger	7.40	\$500.00	\$3,700.00
Diana P. Dias	1.90	\$250.00	\$475.00